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OLMSTED, OLMSTED & ELIOT.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

EDWARD D. BOLTON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION.

WARREN H. MANNING,
SUPERINTENDENT OF PLANTING.

BROOKLINE, MASS.

5th March, 1894

Mr. John Yale,

9 West 17th Street, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:- At the time we last met Mr. Goelet at his house in Newport, he requested us to furnish him with a show plan of his estate, his immediate wish being to have before him the correct outlines of the fore-court, terrace, parterre and other arrangements about the house, in order that he might have the data necessary for determining, while abroad, what objects desirable for decoration of the surroundings of his house could be purchased to advantage. In addition to this purpose, we understand that he wanted a plan of his place which should be as complete as possible in every particular. We had no plan at that time which was complete, as changes had been made in the work from time to time for which partial plans only were prepared. We also understood that he desired to have the plan handsomely ^{drawn} ~~presented~~, in order that he might have a permanent record worthily presented of so much painstaking and ^{costly} ~~actual~~ work as has been done upon his place.

We were unexpectedly delayed in preparing the complete plan by the necessity of ^{waiting for} additional surveys, so that in order to get the information to him before he sailed for Europe, we had to make our plan in outline only. We have since obtained additional infor-

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mation and have completed the colored show plan, which we have had framed and sent, by express, to his house at Newport. Of this plan we now enclose a much reduced photograph, thinking that you would like to send it to him as it will serve as a convenient pocket memorandum of the arrangement of his grounds.

We postponed sending our bill for services rendered and expenses incurred during 1893, in order to add to them the expenses connected with the preparation of this plan. This will bring our business relations with him to a point at which it can be said that our bill is in full ^{to date} ~~complete~~.

It is of course desirable that we should have some supervision over the planting and that we should be conferred with in case additions or alterations of the grounds should be found desirable. With whatever care plantations are originally made they are more or less constantly changing through the growth or death of plants and to obtain the best results, more or less thinning out and replanting should be done every year.

Yours very truly,

Olinsted, Olinsted Eliot

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Oliver & Oliver & Clark

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Letter in landscape
gardening at Newport.

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Oliver & Oliver & Clark

Brookline, Mass. 5th March 1894

Ogden Gould, Esq.,

To OLMSTED, OLMSTED & ELIOT, Landscape Architects, Dr.

For Professional Services, during 1893, including supervision
of contract work, auditing bills; designing parterre,
improvement of Webster Street, additional planting
plans; ordering plants; supervision of planting;
making revised plans for greenhouse, &c., \$400.

Time of assistants in preparing working
drawings and in supervising contract work, at cost, 204.08

Time of assistants in preparing planting plans
and supervision of planting, at cost, ~ ~ ~ 90.14

Draughting materials, at cost, ~ ~ ~ 10.76

Show plan, at cost, ~ ~ ~ 154.32

Traveling expenses, (19 visits,) ~ ~ ~ 170.31

\$1029.61

Receive payment,

Olsted Olsted & Eliot.

RETURN TO
No. 9 WEST 17TH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY.

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Unvoted, Unvoted List

End

\$ 69

April 5/94

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